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SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 15 GENEVA GROUP MEETING - DISCUSSION
ON UNCTAD'S FINANCING OF MEETINGS OPEN TO ONLY
ONE GROUP

REF: (A) GENEVA 5309, (B) STATE 209408

SUMMARY: GENEVA GROUP AGREED THAT GROUP B SHOULD MAKE
FIRM STATEMENT IN TDB OF ITS POSITION ON UNCTAD'S FIN-
ANCING OF MEETINGS OPEN ONLY TO ONE GROUP. GROUP
SUPPORTED FOUR PRINCIPLES STATED IN GROUP B JULY 7
LETTER TO COREA AND STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE IN CHAIRMAN'S
PAPER. GENEVA GROUP ALSO OF OPINION THAT GROUP B SHOULD
AVOID TRYING TO RESOLVE MATTER AT TDB BUT SHOULD INSTEAD
TAKE IT TO THE 5TH COMMITTEE OF THE UNGA. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. (BRUNGART) OPENED DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM BY
NOTING PROBLEM IS ONE OF ESTABLISHING THE PRINCIPLE
THAT MEETINGS FINANCED OUT OF REGULAR UN BUDGET SHOULD
BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. IT IS OF COURSE DIFFICULT TO
DRAW THE LINE IN PRACTICE, BUT NOW WE NEED A CONSENSUS

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ON THIS BASIC PRINCIPLE.

2. FRG (WEGENER) STRESSED THAT COREA TOOK DECISION TO FINANCE JULY PREPARATORY MEETING AFTER GROUP B WARNED HIM OF THEIR POSITION. WEGENER URGED THAT AT TDB GROUP B ENTER ON THE RECORD A REPRIMAND OF COREA FOR THIS ACTION. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTIONS OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ALL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOVE TO REPRIMAND NOT ADVISABLE SINCE IT WOULD ONLY RALLY G-77 TO SUPPORT COREA.

3. WEGENER ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT GROUP B PUSH FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN JULY 7 LETTER TO COREA (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL (A)) AND ON PAGE 5 OF CHAIRMAN'S PAPER, I.E., QUOTE MEETINGS FINANCED FROM ASSESSED UN BUDGET FUNDS SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN ORGANIZATION IN QUESTION AND BASED ON DECISIONS IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. UNQUOTE. WEGENER NOTED THAT COREA HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER AND URGED THAT GROUP B ACCEPT OFFER AND ENDEAVOR NARROW DIFFERENCES WITH SECRETARIAT AND G-77 BEFORE TDB. WEGENER ADDED THAT GROUP B HAS MANY OTHER THINGS TO DEAL WITH AT TDB AND THEREFORE SHOULD TRY TO AVOID ALLOWING THIS ITEM POISON ATMOSPHERE.

4. U.K., JAPAN, U.S. ALL INDICATED SUPPORT FOR WEGENER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT GROUP B BASE ITS POSITION ON FOUR PRINCIPLES IN JULY 7 LETTER AND GENERAL PRINCIPLE ENUNCIATED IN CHAIRMAN'S PAPER. FRANCE URGED THAT THE GA BE ASKED TO REINTERPRET RESOLUTION 3362 AND TO DECIDE ON PROPER PROCEDURE. AUSTRALIA (AMBASSADOR DAVIS) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT UNCTAD IS AN UNFAVORABLE FORUM TO DISCUSS MATTER AND PREFERENCE FOR MOVING IT TO NEW YORK. U.S. (HENNES) EXPLAINED THAT U.S. SEES UNCTAD PROBLEM AS ONE ASPECT OF A GENERAL TENDENCY OF SPECIFIC GROUPS TO MAKE USE OF UN BUDGET FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES AND THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOUGHT OUT IN 5TH COMMITTEE. U.K. (ALEXANDER) POINTED OUT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN CALLING FOR RESOLVING MATTER AT TDB AND NEED TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5TH COMMITTEE RESOLVE BASIC PROBLEM. HE AGREED THAT 5TH COMMITTEE WAS APPROPRIATE PLACE BECAUSE (A) BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS, (B) BROADER APPLICABILITY, AND (C) NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN TDB. ALEXANDER WARNED THAT GROUP B MUST AVOID A COMPROMISE AT TDB THAT MIGHT PREJUDICE ITS CASE IN 5TH COMMITTEE. HE SUGGESTED THEREFORE THAT GROUP B SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE A FIRM STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE ENTERED IN THE RECORD AT THE

TDB AND INFORM G-77 INFORMALLY THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE MATTER AND WILL PURSUE IT IN NEW YORK.

5. U.S., BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN ALSO SUPPORTED ALEXANDER'S POSITION. WEGENER CONTINUED TO DOUBT THAT NEW YORK WAS A BETTER PLACE THAN UNCTAD TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. HE NOTED THAT NEW YORK WAS MORE POLITICAL AND STATED THAT ISSUE WAS A MATTER OF DETAIL WHICH WAS BETTER HANDLED IN UNCTAD. HOWEVER, MAJORITY OF GROUP FELT GROUP B SHOULD AVOID SEEKING TO RESOLVE MATTER AT TDB AND TAKE MATTER TO NEW YORK. JAPAN OBSERVED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT MIGHT WANT TO COMPROMISE, BUT G-77 READY TO FIGHT. BELGIUM (AMBASSADOR NOTERDAEME) WARNED THAT GROUP B MUST NOT ONLY FOCUS ON THE BUDGETARY SIDE OF PROBLEM, BUT ALSO ITS POLITICAL ASPECT FOUND IN RESOLUTION 3362 (S-II) AND SAID GROUP MUST PREPARE POLITICAL APPROACH COMPARABLE TO BUDGETARY APPROACH. CATTO

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